

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost XV
10:00 a.m.
September 5, 2021

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you** everyone for joining us this morning for our worship service. Please join us inside or you can listen to the service on your car radio at 96.9. If you miss the service you can always watch it on our Facebook page. If any problems happen doing the service please let Del or Rory know so they can fix the problem immediately. Thank you again!
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Cathy Fairchild, Gavin Hagen, Jeannette Doerfler, Jenna Zimmerman, Jacob Zimmerman, Noah Paskett and Nick Phillips birthdays and Gabe Johnson's baptism birthday.
- **Steve will** be watching from the door and will bring out bulletins and communion cups to those who stay in their cars. Those coming inside can pick up your bulletin and communion cup as you enter the sanctuary.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the stand by the bulletin stand. Seve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of September. We still need volunteers. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **Pastor Just** would like to start a Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. starting Sept. 19. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are interested so we can get a count. Thank you!
- **Service Project...**We are helping out the Lutheran World Relief with the earthquake in Haiti and the hurricane Ida destruction in Louisiana and the northeast portion of our country. Please place your donation in the offering plate. Please make checks out to the church. Thank you for your kind hearts!
- **Council had their** meeting on August 22 and have decided to not make any changes at this time because of the uptick in the COVID 19 new variants. Mask wearing is not required by is still an excellent idea. We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as seem appropriate. Any suggestions please let Pastor or council members Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres or Del Groff know.
- **The prayer list** is getting a little long. I will not remove anyone unless I'm told to. If there is anyone we can take off with good news, please let Marla know or put a card in the offering plate
- **The July-September and October-December Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Contact Person:** Please call Pastor Just at 216-789-6688 or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions. Pastor Just is in the office on Thursdays.

Attendance last Sunday 17 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	649.34	1 + 1 + 1	12.00	Benevolence	55.00
Building Fund	5.00	Mission	5.00	Lutheran Relief	95.00
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Total Offering	821.43	Needed to meet budget--\$1,112.21			

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: “Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, and do not fear.’”

C: **“Here is your God. He will come to save.”**

P: With ears that have been opened to the Word of God, and with tongues that speak the truth, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: O God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift,

C: **we confess that we are imperfect.**

Our minds are filled with hate and prejudice;

our tongues are uncontrolled;

our deeds do not bear witness to our faith.

As sinners we stand condemned.

We plead the merits of Your perfect Son, Jesus Christ,

who willed and spoke and did what You command.

for our sakes He obeyed;

for His sake we beg forgiveness.

P: The will of God is your redemption.

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

In His name and for His sake, I declare to you the

full forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of

the Father, and + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Honor him with your lips—and with your hearts.

C: **We will be doers of God’s Word!**

Entrance Hymn “*By Gracious Powers*” Insert

The Kyrie pg. 57

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

**The Hymn of Praise—pg. 58*

People: Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**
- 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain**
- 3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**
- 4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**
- 5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

The Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Merciful Father, You are aware—

C: **You peer into our hearts, into our bodies, into our minds...You perceive our innermost secrets.**

P: Merciful Father, You are more aware of our weaknesses...our problems...than are we ourselves.

C: **By Your power—**

P: power that opened deaf ears:

C: **By Your love—**

P: love that loosened impeded tongues:

C: **heal our broken hearts that they may believe evermore firmly in You.**

P: Then we will be strong to proclaim:

C: **“Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God!”**

P: throughout this frightened world. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: **and forever. Amen.**

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water... This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm “Praise Now the Lord, O My Soul” Psalm 146 Insert

The Second Lesson James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your

assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,”⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.¹¹ For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

The Verse

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

***The Holy Gospel** Mark 7:24-37

C: Glory to you, O Lord. Pg. 63

²⁴ From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, “*Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.*”²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”²⁹ Then he said to her, “*For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.*”³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more

zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon *“What About Healing?”*

Hymn of the Day *“Healer of Our Every Need”* With One Voice No. 738

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the Church*

P: Knowing that God hears our prayers when they are made in sincerity and humility, we pray for our church and our world in our time of need.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All just and merciful God, you know our wants, and you know our true needs. Attend to our prayers, direct our heart in the way of justice and mercy, and enlighten our minds that we may know your holy will. We ask this through the just one, Jesus Christ, your servant and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit, our God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up our hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and light,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

P: O God, You embrace Your people now and forever
and promise the Kingdom to all who love You.

The universe came into existence at Your command
and rich and poor alike have You as their maker.

Through Moses You taught Your people
to provide for the welfare of those in need,
and through the prophets You thundered against
our injustice and called for repentance in word and deed.

In Your son, Jesus Christ,

Your love and healing mercy
reached beyond the bounds of our prejudice
and demonstrated Your compassion

for all who are needy, afflicted or vulnerable.

Though He was killed by those who sow injustice,

You raised Him to new life

that He might sow in us the seeds of faith,

filling our communities with love and justice
and bringing forth a rich harvest of good works.

C: Amen.

P: On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread into his hands,
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples with the words,

*Take and eat; this is My body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way He took the cup, spoke a prayer of thanks over it, and said,

*“This cup is the new covenant in My blood,
Which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin,
Each time you drink of this cup,
Do it in remembrance of Me.”*

The Lord’s Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Song for the Eucharist “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” No. 200

Communion

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may honor His sacrifice by continuing His mission in the world.

All are invited to take the communion packet that was provided as you came to worship this morning.

P: Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ, broken for you to be made whole.

*All are invited to open the larger cup from the
communion packet and partake of the wafer therein.*

P: Take, drink, the Blood of Christ, poured out for you to be filled with His endless life.

Please open the smaller cup to consume the wine.

P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Jesus Christ, even as You have opened this table to us,

C: **offering us the blessed gift of Yourself,**

P: so open our ears to hear You

C: **...loosen our tongues to sing Your praise.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

P: Go now, and invest your lives in the works of faith.

Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion.

Fulfil God's holy law

by putting love into action as eagerly for others as you would for yourselves.

God be your defender and provider;

Christ Jesus dispel all that disturbs or disables you;

the Holy Spirit make you rich in faith and loving and merciful and healing + in action.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song *"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"* Insert

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Our Worship Is Ended—Now Our Service Begins!

Please remember these members in your prayers

Bill & Sharon Crile—recovery from hospital stay and illness
Jim Doerfler—serious mouth surgery—continued healing
Carol Earle—immediate family for peace and comfort
Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength
Linda Hautmann—Strength and healing for Lupus and from melanoma
Palagia Hlava—complications from MS
Laurene Kozar—recovering from stomach surgery
Becky Larkins—fostering Holly—possible adoption
Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes
Kenny Nicely III-shoulder pain—healing from surgery
Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy
Stephen Nicely—traveling mercies to work in Normal, Illinois for 2 months
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS
Amy Rohaley—new job situation
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely, Grace Rohaley
Troy Roman—joined the Marines

Remember in prayer these friends of the congregation

For our Bishop, Jamison Hardy, and the congregations and pastors of the
English District and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce

Aaron—marriage problems—brother of Joyce

Jim Barnes—healing—7 broken ribs—cousin of Diane Lee

Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb

Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter

Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle

Lana Carnes—heart attack and stroke—friend of the Wolff's

Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolff's

Leona Corban—pulled muscle in her back—Marla's mom

Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla

Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother

Deb Defer—back & hip pain—sister of Diane Lee

Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's

Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin

George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds

Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim

Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many

Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom

Bob Hlava—recovering after surgery at skilled nursing facility—Steve's dad

Charles Hovavetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's

Debbie Hovavetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck

Jeff Hunter—hospitalized for tests—cousin of Amy

Janice—heart problems

Jayne—suffered a stroke—Joyce's son's fiance

John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce

Julie—reaction to Parkinson's medicine—friend of Diane Lee

Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—sister of Marla

Laura—family relationship problems—Joyce's sister

Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin

Kevin Kesovec family—passed away from COVID at age 31--friend of Rory & Deb

Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce

Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve’s Dad

Joe Manijak—complications after back surgery—brother of Steve

Samantha—ear barotrauma{swelling} from being hit by a wave in Ocean City--granddaughter of Joyce

Inge Osborne—cancer—doing well—no chemo—friend of St. Thomas

Sandi Platen—health issues—sister of Steve Manijak

Jodie Powers—addiction healing—niece of Steve and Marla

Karen Power—healing from back fusions—friend of the Earle’s

Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle’s

Jessica Reker—job searching—friend of Amy

Leo Rohaley—declining health—uncle of Amy

Kathi Rohrer—healing from back surgery—co-worker of Joyce

Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom

Ruth Svidron—COVID—co-worker of Joyce

Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile

Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck

Linda Veletta and family—family issues—friend of Robin

Jay Veletta—head injury—neighbor of Robin

Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff’s

Dan Wiley—undergoing chemo treatments—friend of Diane Lee

Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce

Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

Doris Zimmerman—newly diagnosed lung cancer—friend of the Wolff’s

Americans still in Afghanistan and those still trying to leave from the terror of the Taliban

The Haitian earthquake survivors, the survivors of Hurricane Ida and all those in harms way from the wildfires and all other disasters

Homeless served by LMM—space in Independence

COVID 19 virus patients